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FORM A

Soldier's Application for Pension

The Commissioner of Pensions reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

Name of Applicant.

J. N. Ginter

Smith

County.

Postoffice.

Lindell, Texas

Filed.

June 16<sup>th</sup> 1913

Approved.

Sept. 1, 1913

Pension allowed from

Dec 1, 1913

Rejected.

Geo. W. Kyles

Commissioner of Pensions

Commissioner of Pensions.

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FORM A

For Use of Soldiers, Who are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
 County of Smith

I, J W Gunter, do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved March 26, A. D. 1909, on the following grounds:

I enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States, and that I did not desert the Confederate service, but during said war I was loyal and true to my duty, and never at any time voluntarily abandoned my post of duty in the said service; that I was honorably discharged or surrendered with Genl. R E Lee in April 1865

(Give date and cause.)

that I have been a bona fide citizen of this State since prior to January 1, A. D. 1880, and have been continuously since a citizen of the State of Texas. I do further state that I do not hold any national, State, city or county office which pays me in salary or fees one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, nor have I an income from any other employment or other source whatever which amounts to one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, nor do I receive from any source whatever money or other means of support amounting in value to the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, nor do I own in my own right, nor does any one hold in trust for my benefit or use, nor does my wife own, nor does any one hold in trust for my wife, estate or property, either real, personal or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the assessed value of over one thousand dollars; nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State, or from the United States, or from any other source, and that I am not an inmate of the Confederate Home, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age? 68
2. Where were you born? Chatham Co. N. C.
3. How long have you resided in Texas? Ever since Jan. 1873
4. In what county do you reside? Smith
5. How long have you resided in said county and, what is your postoffice address. About 39 years  
Lindale Smith Co Tex
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where. No
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? Not able to attend to business.
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? North Carolina
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. 37.9 m.  
Enlisted June 6, 1861
10. What was the letter of your company, number or name of battalion, regiment or battery? Co D 35th regiment
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service.
12. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, ~~cavalry~~, ~~artillery~~ or ~~navy~~?



13. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty?.....

14. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve?.....

15. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? No

Wherefore your petitioner prays that his application for pension be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) J. U. Gunter

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 30 day of Dec, A. D. 1912

[SEAL.] Jesse F. Odum  
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[NOTE.—There must be at least two credible witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Smith

Before me Jesse F. Odum, County Judge of Smith County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared N. G. Fowler & H. C. Huggins, who are personally

known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know.....

J. U. Gunter the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said.....

J. U. Gunter has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1880, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) N. G. Fowler

(Signature of Witness) H. C. Huggins

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 8th day of Feb, A. D. 1912

[SEAL.] Jesse F. Odum  
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

(If possible, the two witnesses should have served with the applicant in the army, and, if so, let them, or either, state it in their oath, their source of knowledge; also any information regarding applicant's army service.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Smith

Before me Jesse F. Odum, County Judge of Smith County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared H. L. Tate and W. P. Cannon

who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me sworn, on oath state that they are personally acquainted with the foregoing applicant, and that the facts set forth and statements made in his application are correct

and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and W. P. Cannon have no interest in this claim, and said applicant's habits are good and free from dishonor. And W. P. Cannon further make oath to the following facts

touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army: (State fully your source of knowledge.)

I have known J. M. Hunter for 28 or 30 years, and it has been my understanding all the time that he served in the Confederate Army, and I have information from reliable persons that he was wounded at Manassas Hill Va in 1862; and I knew one Gray B. Pearson for 12 or 15 years or from the time that he came to this County until his death, and he told me many times about serving in the Confederate Army with Gray B. Pearson of 71 Hunter.

(Signature of Witness) W. P. Cannon  
(Signature of Witness) W. L. Tate

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 8th day of Feb A. D. 1912

[SEAL.]

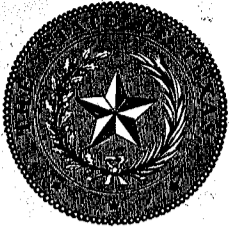
J. E. Don  
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF THE STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, H. B. Matthews, State and County Assessor in the County of Smith State of Texas, do certify that J. M. Hunter or his wife, or his trustee, or trustee for his wife, whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the Thirty-first Legislature, approved March 26, A. D. 1909, is charged on the land and personal property rolls of said county with estate, real, personal and mixed, at the assessed value of no dollars.

Given under my hand, this 8 day of Feb, A. D. 1912  
H. B. Matthews  
State and County Assessor.





R. A. BUFORD, Commissioner

OFFICE OF  
**Commissioner of Pensions**  
 State of Texas  
 Austin


To the Adjutant General,  
 War Department,  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record  
 of G. W. Guntter who is reported to have enlisted in  
 Company D, Regiment 35<sup>th</sup> N. C. Infantry  
 in service of the Confederate States Army.

Purpose: The \_\_\_\_\_ person above named is an applicant  
 for a Confederate pension granted by the State, and I desire to verify  
 his proof of service.

Very respectfully,

R. A. Buford   
 Commissioner of Pensions.


ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, June 26, 1913.

Respectfully returned to the  
Commissioner of Pensions,  
State of Texas, Austin.

The records show that Joseph U. Gunter (name also found as J. H. Gunter but not as G. U. Gunter), private and musician, Company D, 35th North Carolina Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted September 20, 1861. He was surrendered and paroled April 9, 1865, at Appomattox Court House, Va.

  
The Adjutant General.

JESSE F. ODOM  
COUNTY JUDGE SMITH COUNTY  
TYLER, TEXAS

Tyler, Texas. 6/17/1913.

Hon. R. A. Buford,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

I am herewith handing you the pension application of J. U. Gunter of Lindale, Texas. This application should have been sent in sometime ago, but I have delayed the matter pending the securing of other proof.

Trusting that you will give this application and attention, I am,

Yours very truly,



*Jesse F. Odom*  
County Judge.

JFO/BB.

Department of the State Auditor,  
Raleigh, N.C.

Manuary 2nd, 1913.,

Mrs. P. K. Birdwell,

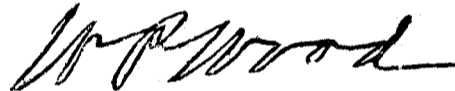
Tyler, Texas,

Dear Madam:-

Replying to your favor of recent date requesting information concerning your father's record as a Confederate Soldier, I beg to state the only thing we find as follows:

"Joseph W. Gunter enlisted September 20th 1861, Chatham County; wounded July 1st, 1862, Malvern Hill".

Yours very truly,



State Auditor.